IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mani et al.

: Group Art Unit: 3746

Application No.: 10/664,695

: Examiner: William H. Rodriguez

Filed: September 22, 2003

: Response to Paper No.

For:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCTION OF JET ENGINE

NOISE

COVER SHEET

Attention: Office of Petitions Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.
- 2. Amendment and Response to Office Action August 3, 2005.
- 3. Copy of Postcard Amendment Received w/Certificate of Mailing stamped August 5, 2005.
- 4. Copy of mail dated September 20, 2006 Notice of Abandonment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Applicant(s) attorney Richard A. DeCristofaro at telephone (518) 387-5832.

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

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Title: Method and System for Reduction of Jet Engine Noise

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SIR:

The above-identified application was held to be abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to a notice sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

APPLICANTS HEREBY PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT. Per MPEP 711.03(c), no fee is required for this petition.

Statement:

- 1. Applicants received an Office Action dated 3 May 2005.
- 2. The Office Action stated a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months, thus having an expiration date of 3 August 2005.
- 3. Applicants mailed a Response having an attached certificate of mailing signed and dated 3 August 2005, which is within the shortened statutory period. See attachment 1.
- 4. Applicants received a postcard receipt from the USPTO Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), date-stamped 5 August 2005, confirming receipt of the Response by the USPTO. See attachment 2.

Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2006

- 5. Applicants next received a Notice of Abandonment dated 20 September 2006, stating the application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office Action. See attachment 3.
- 6. Applicants respectfully submit that this holding of Abandonment is improper because Applicants' Response was sent within 3 months of the mail date of the Office Action.
- Applicants therefore respectfully submit this petition to request the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the Response submitted by Applicants on 3 August 2005 be considered.

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Attachments:

- 1. Applicants' Response (copy)
- 2. OIPE postcard receipt (copy)
- 3. Notice of Abandonment (copy)